

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 3, 1971

Dear Mr. Aubrac:

The following is a message to you from our mutual friend:

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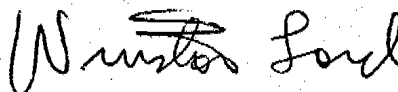
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"I continue to count on your letting me know the next time you travel to this country.

Warm regards,"

Let me add my own personal regards.

Sincerely,



Winston Lord

NSS/NSC Review Completed.

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Mr. Raymond Aubrac
160 via
Alessandria ROME

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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ACTION
July 29, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: WINSTON LORD *W*
SUBJECT: Response to Aubrac's July 16 Letter

Attached at Tab A is a reply to Aubrac's July 16 letter to you which you have already read. Per our usual procedure once you approve the draft, I will send it to him as part of a letter from me.

You will recall that the highlights of Aubrac's letter are as follows:

- His joy and admiration over the initiatives on China.
- His belief that the prospect of the forthcoming summit should help speed the end of the Vietnam war since neither side will wish to jeopardize the planned meeting. He believes that the President's announcement confirms that China will support a negotiated settlement and assures that we will not be tempted to escalate.
- His concern over the situation in the South Asia sub-continent, and his unhappiness over the Pakistanis' refusal to clear him as the FAO representative in East Pakistan, on racial (?) grounds.
- His belief that developing U.S. / Chinese economic relations will contribute to a political momentum, with benefits both for the development of China and world peace.
- His reminder that the FAO is the one specialized agency of the UN in which Taiwan is not a member, and the interest of the UN/FAO in the post-war reconstruction of Indochina.

In the draft response at Tab A, I have deliberately avoided the issue of Aubrac being denied clearance by the Pakistani authorities.

Approve _____

No, indicate HAK will look into this _____

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RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the letter at Tab A.

Approve HK

Other _____

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160 via Alessandro ROME

July 16, 1971

Mr. Winston Lord
3600 Rittenhourse Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015

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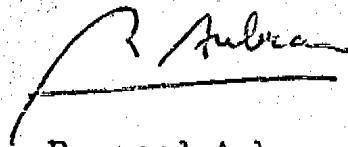
Thank you for your kind letter of June 28. I had sent my June 1 telegram in order to avoid any misunderstanding. Would you please transmit the following message to our mutual friend:

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Thank you Mr. Lord for transmitting this message.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Aubrac', written over a horizontal line.

Raymond Aubrac